



STATE OF NEW MEXICO

STATE ENGINEER OFFICE
SANTA FE

S. E. REYNOLDS
STATE ENGINEER

April 13, 1967

ADDRESS CORRESPONDENCE TO:
STATE CAPITOL
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary-Director
Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

All underground water in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 parts per million or less of dissolved solids is hereby designated by the State Engineer pursuant to Section 65-3-11. (15) N.M.S.A., 1953 Compilation; except that this designation shall not include any water for which there is no present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use that would be impaired by contamination. This designation supercedes all previous designations pertaining to underground water.

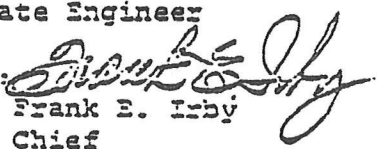
For your information I am attaching a memorandum dated April 10, 1967 and the map mentioned therein which shows the areas and formations in which water of 10,000 parts per million or less commonly occurs.

The surface water designation previously made remains unchanged.

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Yours truly,

S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer

By: 
Frank E. Irbly
Chief
Water Rights Div.

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GOVERNOR

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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March 15, 1985

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Mr. S. E. Reynolds,
State Engineer
101 Bataan Bldg.
Santa Fe, NM 87503

Dear Steve:

I am writing relative to getting an updated determination from you of the definition of "fresh water supplies" under the provisions of Section 70-2-12 B.(15) NMSA, 1978 compilation (copy enclosed).

I have enclosed a copy of the April 13, 1967, letter from you to Pete Porter on this matter. The letter references an earlier determination as to surface waters but that determination is not in evidence. We are thinking of revising some of our general rules to prohibit contamination of "fresh waters", both surface and subsurface, and it could be useful to have a new determination which clearly defines what must be protected.

Sincerely,

Dick

R. L. STAMETS
Director

RLS/dp

Encs.

March 21 1985

Jim Wright:

*Brad would like you to
prepare a draft response
to St. Louis letter received*

Bob Rogers

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SANTA FE

S. E. REYNOLDS
STATE ENGINEER

May 15, 1985

BATAAN MEMORIAL BUILDING
STATE CAPITOL
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87503

Dick Stamets
New Mexico Oil
Conservation Division
Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Stamets:

In response to your letter dated March 15, 1985, this is to advise you that all underground waters in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 milligrams/liter or less of dissolved solids is hereby designated by the State Engineer pursuant to Section 70-2-12-B. (15) NMSA, 1978. This designation supercedes all previous designations pertaining to underground water.

The water in water table lakes should not be contaminated even though they contain more than 10,000 milligrams/liter of total dissolved solids unless it can be shown that contamination of the lake will not adversely affect the underground water hydrologically connected to the lake.

The surface waters of all streams within the State of New Mexico regardless of the quality of the water within any given reach should be protected.

For your information I am attaching a memorandum dated April 10, 1967, and the map mentioned therein which shows the areas and formations in which water of 10,000 parts per million or less commonly occur. This is the same information which was submitted to your office by Frank Irby on April 13, 1967.

Sincerely,

S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer

By:

M. B. Compton
M. B. Compton, Chief
Water Rights Division

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